

Rev. J.A. Stephan

Buffalo

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Dear Miss Kate,

Inclosed please find a dispatch addressed to you and delivered to us by the Sherman House.

Indian Inspector Barmister told me that Mr. Painter of Philadelphia, a member of the Indian rights association, was on a tour in the North West to find complaints against our Catholic Ind. Missions and schools, and that Mr. Painter spoke very bitter against Catholics and told Inspector Barmister that wants to do all he can against my work. I am really glad I know that and thanked sincerely for the open information.

Here I visited the Jesuits for the purpose of getting good english speaking teachers for St. Francis & Holy Rosary. I visited also the Franciscan Sisters Mother House and was told that the Jesuits never let them know that there is any pay coming from the Gov't for either of the 2 schools and that the sisters did not get a penny, even for cloths, but worked for charity sake for the poor Indians. They were surprised when I gave them the Bureau statistics. It pained me deeply when I heard the mother's simple story!

Monday I shall start for Washington. My brother's yeyes were operated on Tuesday last, but the result can only be known in 10 days.

I was at St. Joseph's for 2 days and am more and more convinced that a speedy change is pressingly needed. Did you write to St. Vincent's that the priest & brother will visit Philadelphia?

My best wishes and Blessings to you and your good Sisters.

I am yours in the Sacred Heart,

J. A. Stephan